CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2024 6:00 p.m.
Mount Dora city Hall
510 N. Baker St., Mount Dora, FL 32757

CALL TO ORDER
Having been duly advertised as required by law, at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Crissy Stile called to order the Regular Session of City Council in the Mount Dora City Hall Council Chamber.

MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
A moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Councilmember Rolfson.

ROLL CALL
Members Present
Crissy Stile, Mayor
Marc Crail, Vice-mayor
John Cataldo, District 1
Cal Rolfson, District 2
Dennis Dawson, District 3
Nate Walker, District 5
Doug Bryant, At-large

Also Present
Vince Sandersfeld, Acting City Manager
Patrick Brackins, City Attorney
Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

PRESENTATIONS
1. Vietnam Remembrance Proclamation
Mayor Stile read the proclamation into the record. Members from the Vietnamese community in Central Florida and in Mount Dora addressed those present.

2. Mount Dora Fun Fact
Mayor Stile announced that Deputy Fire Chief Rich Loewer had been honored at the annual Fire Chief's Conference for Excellence in Leadership with the Chief Craig E. Haun Leadership Award.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Mayor Stile opened public comment.

Stan Austin, 1481 Edgewater Drive, spoke about his support for Vince Sandersfeld and consideration of Mr. Sandersfeld for City Manager. Mr. Austin also spoke about reinstatement of a leash law in the City.

Josh Hemingway, 1177 East Fifth Avenue, spoke about current investigations in the City.

Mayor Stile closed public comment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA; COUNCILMEMBER CATALDO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

CONSENT AGENDA
1. Request Approval of Task Authorization with DRMP, Inc. for Engineering Services to Correct

Pavement and Drainage Problems in Country Club of Mount Dora Phase II-9, St. Andrews.
2. Approval of Task Authorization with Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. for Street Paving and Pavement Markings including Donnelly Street North of Limit Avenue
3. Request Approval of City of Mount Dora Purchasing Policy Waiver for the Mount Dora Groves Electric Infrastructure.
4. Request Authorization for the Mayor to Sign the Award Agreement for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for the procurement of practice pistols for law enforcement officers.
5. Request Approval of Task Authorization with Cathcart Construction Company Florida, LLC for Construction of Hilltop Drive Stormwater Drainage Improvements
6. Request Approval of Task Authorization with American Grinding Company, LLC dba American Sidewalk Management for Sidewalk Inspection, Grinding, Removal, and Repairs
7. Approval of Meeting Minutes
8. Request Approval of Task Authorization with Faden Builders Inc. for Renovation of Fire Station 34 Apparatus Bays

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA; COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Discuss Parking Garage Funding Options

Mr. Sandersfeld stated the purpose of the item and introduced Budget Director Aneta Barton, who presented information on types of bonds the City might consider. Ms. Barton suggested a General Obligation Bond, which does not use assets as collateral, but rather relies on the credit rating and taxing power of the agency, might be the most fitting for this purpose. She explained why the Revenue Bond would not be the best choice for this purpose because the City is not expecting a sufficient revenue stream from the funded project. Councilmembers asked Ms. Barton about specific purposes and qualifications for bonds. The City would rely on their bond counsel for this process. Councilmembers and staff discussed the process by which they would discern which bonds would be most fitting for the project, and the timing for that decision to be made. A workshop would likely take place, with participation by the City's financial advisor. The decision regarding a garage would be addressed at the workshop. Ms. Barton presented slides on the topic, which are attached to the minutes as Exhibit A.

Councilmembers and staff recognized the need to move forward with this project.

Mayor Stile adjourned for a recess at 6:33 p.m.

Mayor Stile called the meeting back to order at 6:43 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Request Approval of Resolution No. 2024-23, Approval of Final Rankings and Authorization to Negotiate for RFP# 24-ED-007, Parking Shuttle Transportation Services

Mr. Brackins read Resolution 2024-23 by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO RFP # 24-ED-007 – PARKING SHUTTLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF RANKINGS AND AUTHORIZATION

TO NEGOTIATE; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Director of Economic Development and Public Information Misty Sommer reviewed the actions that led to this item appearing on the agenda.

The RFP was issued on February 14th and there were 4 submittals, one of which was deemed non-responsive. Ms. Sommer explained how the Evaluation Committee arrived at their rankings, including Question and Answer sessions with the top three firms. Freebee was the top choice and staff is now requesting Council's approval and authorization for negotiation. The submittal is within budget. The CRA Advisory Committee has provided feedback on the topic. Staff plans for the vendor to present to Council before Council approves an agreement with the vendor.

Funding will come from the CRA. Ms. Sommer explained how the City would determine stopping points for those using the shuttle. Councilmembers discussed pick-up points. Funding sources will determine which parts of the City will be able to use the shuttle and where it will operate. Councilmembers discussed whether the boundaries should be pushed during the pilot portion of the project. Councilmember Bryant spoke about the importance of frequency and predictability during the pilot portion of the program. Ms. Sommer mentioned the possibility of on-demand service.

Mayor Stile opened public comment.

Stan Austin, 1481 Edgewater Drive, spoke about the possibilities of downtown employee use of the shuttle.

Amy Becker, Becker's Best Shoes, 404 North Donnelly Street, spoke about the parking habits of her employees and the effects of their parking choices on parking availability downtown.

Mayor Stile closed public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2024-23, APPROVAL OF FINAL RANKINGS AND AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE FOR RFP#24-ED-007, PARKING SHUTTLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES; COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES	Rolfson
	Walker
	Cataldo
	Dawson
	Bryant
	Crail
	Stile
NO	None

2. Request Consideration of City Manager Appointment and Authorization for City Attorney to Negotiate Agreement Terms

Councilmembers discussed the City's needs and the qualities Mr. Sandersfeld exhibits that demonstrate his suitability for the position. They discussed methods of City Manager selection.

They reviewed previously-stated requirements for City Manager candidates.

Councilmember Rolfson spoke of the necessity for stability, which Mr. Sandersfeld offers the City with his many years of service to the City.

Councilmember Cataldo expressed fear of Mr. Sandersfeld not being accepted by Councilmembers to be elected in November. Council discussed conditions that would be mutually beneficial to the candidate and to the City.

Mr. Bryant spoke in favor of authorizing the City Attorney to negotiate the City Manager agreement with Mr. Sandersfeld.

Councilmembers discussed the value of Mr. Sandersfeld's lengthy experience and in-depth knowledge regarding the City.

Mayor Stile opened public comment.

Bob Gordon, 601 East First Avenue, spoke in favor of posting the job and seeking outside candidates.

Bill Kieran, 7821 Crosswinds Way, spoke in favor of hiring someone the City knows.

Eric McDonald, 1826 Overlook Drive, spoke about the importance of making a timely decision, and of hiring a candidate who is proven internally.

Joe Lewis, 148 Charles Avenue, spoke about internal conditions in the City, and referred to the DSK investigation.

Stan Austin, 1481 Edgewater Drive, spoke in favor of hiring from within.

Josh Hemingway, 1177 East Fifth Avenue, spoke in favor of a more traditional hiring process.

John Abner, 772 Chacall Loop, spoke in support of Mr. Sandersfeld as City Manager.

Thom Pauls, 8673 Bridgeport Bay Circle, spoke about his positive experiences with Mr. Sandersfeld.

Cathy Hoechst, 601 McDonald Street, spoke about Council's role in City management, and of the importance of strengthening the Human Resources Department.

Michell Middleton, 112 East Fifth Avenue, spoke in support of Mr. Sandersfeld's appointment.

Frank Kirwin, 1110 East Fifth Avenue, spoke about dysfunction in the City.

Mayor Stile closed public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE WITH ACTING CITY MANAGER VINCE SANDERSFELD FOR A FULL-TIME CITY MANAGER POSITION AND TO PLACE THE ISSUE ON THE NEXT AGENDA AS AN ACTION ITEM; COUNCILMEMBER BRYANT SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES Rolfson

Bryant
Cataldo
Dawson
Walker
Crail
Stile

NO None

PUBLIC HEARINGS - RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

1. Request Final Reading and Adoption of **Ordinance No. 2024-08,** Amendment to Section 3.5 of the Land Development Code Donnelly Street Setback Requirements.

   Mr. Brackins read Ordinance No. 2024-08 by title only.

   ORDINANCE NO: 2024-08

   AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO REVISIONS TO THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATED TO SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR FUTURE ROAD WIDENING WITHIN THE CITY'S MAJOR ROADWAY SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, CHAPTER III, ZONING REGULATIONS, SECTION 3.5, SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

   Staff informed Council that there were no changes since the first reading. Staff recommended adoption.

   Mayor Stile opened public comment. No one spoke. Mayor Stile closed public comment.

   MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WALKER TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2024-08, AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3.5 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE DONNELLY STREET SETBACK REQUIREMENTS; VICE-MAYOR CRAIL SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

   YES Walker
   Crail
   Cataldo
   Rolfson
   Dawson
   Bryant
   Stile

   NO None

2. Request Approval of **Resolution No. 2024-09**, Mid-Year Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2023-24

Mr. Brackins read Resolution No. 2024-09 by title only.

RESOLUTION 2024-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF 2023-2024 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS; PROVIDING FOR RETROACTIVE AUTHORIZATION OF PROCUREMENT ACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. Sandersfeld told Council that the City is in its thirteenth week of the budget year. Budget Director Aneta Barton explained that this resolution serves to amend the fiscal year 23-24 budget. The amendment occurs each year, to account for increases or decreases in revenue and/or expenditures since the City budget was passed. Ms. Barton informed Council that the reasons for adjustments are in Exhibit A to the Resolution.

Mayor Stile opened public comment. No one spoke. Mayor Stile closed public comment.

MOTION BY VICE-MAYOR CRAIL TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-09, MID-YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24; COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES Crail
Walker
Cataldo
Rolfson
Dawson
Bryant
Stile
NO None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Sandersfeld spoke about the CenturyLink repairs. The work is approximately 31% complete. Century Link intends to increase the rate of repair.

City staff met with Lake County engineering staff regarding the Eudora roundabout. The County told the City the project had been delayed because the contractor cost had doubled. While it is a county project, the City is obligated to relocate their utilities. The City cost now increases from $950,000 to $1.3 million. The City has budgeted the funds for this relocation. The project remains a valuable endeavor for the City and may be a catalyst for redevelopment in the area.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Doug Bryant thanked Ms. Barton for her professional contributions to the City. He commented favorably about his colleagues on the City Council.

Councilmember Cataldo thanked Chief Gibson for a correction on Tremain Trail and commented favorably on the new landscaping at the Community Building.

Councilmember Cal Rolfson spoke about his attendance at the Florida MPO Alliance and also spoke briefly about distracted driving. Mr. Rolfson mentioned the past weekend's Earth Day event, and the new City arborist. He agreed with Mr. Bryant's statement about the City Council. He addressed a comment about Mark Reggentin and clarified facts related to Mr. Reggentin's departure.

Councilmember Dennis Dawson thanked Ms. Barton and spoke positively about infrastructure items moving forward.

Councilmember Nate Walker wished Ms. Barton well in her new environment.

Vice-mayor Marc Crail commented on the Vietnam Remembrance proclamation. He thanked Council and the speakers for their participation. He spoke about steps Council has taken to improve performance measurement.

Mayor Crissy Stile extended well wishes to Ms. Barton; and to Matthew Dodson, who will be taking on Ms. Barton's duties.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO ADJOURN; COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

There being no further business for discussion, Mayor Stile adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:06 p.m.

CRISSY STILE, MAYOR
City of Mount Dora

JEANANN HAND, CITY CLERK
City of Mount Dora